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ATURDAY, - NOV. 16, 1895.

THE COLORED MAN AS A SOLDIER.

Fort Ouster, Fort Robinson, Fort Missoula and Fort Assinaboine, the Headquarters of the Ninth and Tenth Cavalry and the 25th Infantry—A few Facts Concerning Him while in the Field, in the Garrison or Fighting the Red Man.

Mr. Editor:— Much has been said and written pro and con as to the colored man's ability as a soldier, but they all seem to forget (except the authorities at Washington) that while nothing but praise is due these brave wearers of blue, yet there are some of them who are deserving of special mention. Col. Guy V. Henry of the 3rd Cavalry, and his report of the Sioux Indian Campaign of 1890-91 said: "The colored soldiers fought bravely, and to them much credit is due, as it must be conceded that without them the Sioux Campaign would have lasted much longer and the 7th Cavalry would have been short of four troops."

It will be remembered that Col. Henry was in command of the gallant 9th Cavalry on their famous march through the desolate Bad Lands of North Dakota, and when interviewed by a St. Louis newspaper man, said that with the four colored regiments, (the 9th and 10th Cavalry, and the 24th and 25th Infantry) that he could quell any Indian outbreak that would ever occur in this country. This coming from a man so well-known as a military leader and Indian fighter as Col. Henry, it is something to be proud of.

Many of our soldiers now wear medals of bravery awarded to them by the authorities at Washington for brave and meritorious action during Indian outbreaks, and whole commands have been complimented in general orders from the commanding general of the Army's office at Washington.

As the regulations of the Army now stand, I see no cause why we should not soon have several colored officers in the Army, as soldiers having served two years in the ranks is eligible to go before a board to be examined for promotion to a second Lieutenant.

Every year finds one or more white soldiers ordered before this board for examination, and many of them have passed with the required per cent and now have the rank of second Lieutenant.

My letters in the future will be brief outlines of the different forts and regiments, naming those who have proven themselves deserving of special mention. I will commence next week with Fort Ouster, Mont.

Troops E. G. K. and B. of the 10th Cavalry stationed at this post leave today on a ten day practice march. The garrison turned out last night and gave them a ball and all had a good time.

Messrs. Bowen, Raute and Yarborough of Company A, 25th Infantry, made a trip to Billings, Mont., a distance of 125 miles on their wheels. They report the roads in bad shape and things as "blooming."

More anon. BLUE COAT.

FULTON NOTES.

Rev. Archer Ferguson administered the Lord's Supper to a large and enthusiastic audience on last Sabbath afternoon.

Next Sunday at 3:30 P. M., Rev. Ames will administer the Lord's Supper.

Little Beatrice Whiting is quite sick. Present writing. Rev. Daniel Ames was unable to fill the pulpit on Sunday. He has been suffering from throat trouble.

Rev. Fenwick Williams preached at 10:30. Rev. Charles Harris preached at night on the sermons were good.

The funeral of Deacon Henry Brown took place at 11:15 A. M. at the 9th place at the Rising Mt. Zion Baptist Church on 4th inst. Rev. Cobb officiated. The deceased was a deacon and trustee of the above named church for 20 years. He lived and died a Christian and our loss is his eternal gain.

OLIFTON FORGE.

Acendism—The Olifton Apprehended.

Edith Graves and Miss Johnson, 1019 V St. N. W. The boys report a great time. Miss Nettie Woolfe has been in our town and county working in the interest of the Galilee Mutual and Insurance department. She is much encouraged as she has a membership of nearly two hundred in this county alone.

Rev. W. D. Scott preached a very instructive sermon Sunday Nov. 8th at the 2nd Baptist Church from St. Matt. 25:1-3. He plainly showed why we should watch, and what we should do, and the inevitable result of not watching. The sermon had its effect, for on Sunday night three persons came forward and connected themselves to the church.

Rev. B. J. Perkins filled his pulpit Sunday morning and night to the satisfaction of his hearers. The choir of the First Baptist Church of Covington came down Sunday and sang for the First Church of Covington. May well feel proud of such a chorus of good singers.

Mrs. J. C. Clarke and daughter spent Saturday and Sunday at Lick Run with her mother.

W. S. Thomas made a flying trip to Salem Va., Oct. 26. The colored people there have a very fine store and are making rapid strides in the business world.

Mr. E. L. Morris ranks among the best mechanics of Va. he has the entire management of the Salem Tannery plant which has been erected at another plant at Farmington Va. Mr. Morris will go the first of this month to fit up the machinery and put everything in running order.

Politics are calling the people's attention just now and the colored people are getting some warm handshakes. We are too old now for sweet words and soft hands to move us. See!

FROM HARRISONBURG.

Re-dedication and Sunday School Institute.

HARRISONBURG, VA., Nov. 4, '95.

On Sunday, October 27, 1895 at 11 o'clock A. M., the doors of the First Baptist Church were opened for the first time for three months, for the purpose of re-dedication. The dedication sermon was preached by Dr. L. B. Goodall of Charlottesville, Va. His discourse was delivered in a fine and powerful manner. He said, "I am glad to see you here. It is needless for me to say he handled his subject with ease and force. We had with us some of the leading business men of the town. There was a time when the white men drew tears out of the colored people's eyes by cruel treatment, but one of the most striking features was while Dr. Goodall was delivering his discourse, we could see tears stealing down the cheeks of some of the white friends present. Dr. Goodall left Tuesday with our best wishes following him."

At three o'clock P. M., we had the editor of the "State Republic," Rev. A. P. Founkhouer, white, to preach for us.

At 8 P. M., Rev. Goodall again preached an instructive sermon from the words, "Who is on the Lord's side."

On Tuesday night we ordained four deacons, namely: Edward Williams, William Hawkins, Benjamin Franklin and Fred Goodlow. Dr. Goodall preached the ordination sermon. Rev. W. J. Hackett offered prayer and T. H. Lee delivered the address of welcome.

We must not forget to speak of the choice music which was rendered by the choir of the First Baptist Church during all the meetings. On last Sunday night, November 3rd, Professor G. A. Newman and his choir kindly favored us with some of their sweet songs of Zion, which was much appreciated by all present.

Rev. S. N. Asa filled the pulpit last Sunday, November 3rd, morning and night. He spoke to us in the morning on the importance of thinking, and at night showing clearly the necessity of finished work. He is expecting to hold a Sunday School Institute lasting four or five nights. We feel that much good will be done in our midst by his presence and his work.

J. H. CARTER.

FROM CHATTANOOGA.

The Waller Case—Interesting Items.

In the Waller Case, the United States reminds a fellow of the case of Peter with one exception. Peter denied his guilt and was executed, but the United States denied Waller and didn't execute. It reminds a fellow of another instance when Peter was called on, or attempted to walk a little piece upon water, and was afraid he would sink, and was rebuked for the little faith he had.

Miss Ida Wells had to leave the church for preaching the doctrine which perhaps must have been that which St. Paul spoke of when he said, "The time would come when people would not hear sound doctrine." It looks so to a fellow up the tree, doesn't it?

First Baptist Church—College, (14th Street) between Broad and Marshall.

Sunday-school, 9:30 a. m.; preaching—summer months excepted—11:30 a. m., 3:30 and 8 p. m. Communion, the second Sunday in each month. Business-meetings, 1st and 3rd Monday nights in each month; prayer-meeting every Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock; choir practice every Friday evening at 8 o'clock. Christian Endeavor meeting, Tuesday at 8:30 p. m. and Wednesday at 5:30 p. m.

J. H. HOLMES, Pastor.

B. P. VANDERKAM, Clerk.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Bailey of New York called on us.

We return thanks for the invitation received to attend the 75th Anniversary of the Wesley A. M. E. Church, fifteenth and Lombard Sts., Philadelphia, Pa., from 1820 to 1895. Rev. R. Haywood Stitt, B. D., pastor.

SAVAGES OUTDONE.

HORRIBLE TORTURE IN TENNESSEE.

The Action of the Mob Worse than the Crime Committed by the Victim.

A Horrible Story of Human Depravity.

The Colored Man's Agony.

THE ATROCITY UNSURPASSED IN THE ORIGINAL ANNALS OF ANY COUNTRY.

MEMPHIS TENN., October 16.—Jefferson Ellis was hanged to a telegraph pole at 1:30 this morning by 350 men, within 200 yards of the scene of his crime. Before hanging the colored man, the mob cut off both his ears and all his fingers and mutilated him in a horrible manner. The mob with their prisoner reached the home of his victim, Foster, soon after midnight. The young woman identified him as her assailant.

PREPARED TO ROAST HIM.

As soon as this was done, an armed squad of men took Ellis from Constable Farrow and started with him for the pike, where the public road crosses the Louisville and Nashville. A big fire had been built at the place and around it the mob gathered in a circle. The handcuffed colored man was made to kneel before the fire.

The leaders of the mob told Ellis to pray, but he only looked at them in a stupid manner.

CUT UP GRADUALLY.

Being told that he was about to die he raised his voice in a colored people's hymn. By the time he finished, the fiercer element were in complete control of the mob, and cries of "burn him" were heard on all sides. Even his fearful fate would probably have been mercy to the colored man, as subsequent events proved. Amid the shouts of the mob, a man jumped to the colored man's side with a drawn knife in his hand, "they cried."

"Give me a finger," shouted one man. "I want a thumb," another cried. The better element of the crowd drew off at this time and said they were not in favor of doing anything but hanging the negro.

FIEND'S WORK.

Their protests were not noticed. Being urged on by the fiercest in the crowd, the man with the knife cut off the negro's right ear and held up the bleeding trophy in full view of the crowd.

The colored man screamed, but his other was cut off a few moments later. The mob became madder at the sight of this work, and those who were mutilating the negro found ample encouragement.

THEIR TERRIBLE AGONY.

They next cut off all his fingers and tearing away parts of his clothing they mutilated him in a horrible manner. The man was covered with blood and his head looked like it had been scalped. The mob was not even then willing to end the colored man's agony. They made him stand up so all the crowd could see him.

HALF HOUR OF TORTURE.

Finally, fully thirty-five minutes after the torture of the colored man began, the rope was put around his neck. The telegraph pole was seventy-five feet away. The rope was a very long one. The free end was taken by a man who quickly climbed the pole and threw it over the cross-arm.

The crowd jerked the rope to the foot of the pole and while the mob shouted the bleeding and mutilated form of the negro was swung to the cross-arm.

THEIR HEAD CUT FROM HIS BODY.

The colored man was lowered to the ground and his head was cut from his body with a pocket knife, the nose was then put over his feet, and the headless body was again swung up. It is intended to send the head to the family of the little girl whom the colored man attempted to assault last Saturday in Mississippi.

A SIGNIFICANT PLACARD.

A placard was put on the body bearing these words: DEATH TO THE MAN WHO CUTS HIM DOWN BEFORE 6:30 THIS EVENING.

No doubt the injunction of the mob will be obeyed to the letter, and the passengers on the Louisville and Nashville today may see the horrible sight. The point where the lynching occurred is a cross road called Olifton Summit, at New River, Va. Rev. W. H. Williams of Richmond preached a stirring sermon suitable to the occasion. A large number, both white and colored were present. It is only a partial dedication, one in order to keep the people from the cold. We have a heavy debt upon us, that we are compelled to meet by the first Sunday in December. We appeal to our christian brethren and

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